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SUBJ: MONUMENTAL EXHIBITION OF NIGERIAN ART TREASURES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EMBASSY NOTE NO. 596 DATED AUGUST 30, 1977: QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO PRESENT FOR THE MINISTRY'S CONSIDERATION A PROPOSAL OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN THAT A MONUMENTAL EXHIBITION OF NIGERIAN ART TREASURES REFLECTING THE GREAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF NIGERIA BE HELD AT THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS, 5200 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202. THE PROPOSAL WAS ORIGINATED BY DR. MICHAEL KAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CURATOR OF AFRICA, OCEANIC, AND NEW WORLD CULTURES, OF THE INSTITUTE. DR. KAN PROPOSES FOCUSING THE EXHIBITION ON THE GREAT TERRA COTTAS OF THE NOK CULTURE AND THE BRONZES OF THE IGBO UKWU SITE AND OF IFE AND BENIN. THE INSTITUTE WOULD EXERCISE EVERY CAREFUL EFFORT TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THESE PRICELESS OBJECTS. THE EMBASSY STANDS READY TO FACILITATE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND THE NIGERIAN DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES SHOULD THE MINISTRY APPROVE THE PROJECT. UNQUOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

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2. THE NOTE, WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY, IS THE RESULT OF A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FROM DR. KAN. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE APPROACH HIMSELF BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME. THEREFORE, THE CAO MADE THE FIRST CONTACT BY AN INFORMAL CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF THE ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT, DR. EKPO EYO, WHO SUGGESTED THAT THE NOTE BE SENT.

3. NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR MEA TO MAKE A POLICY DECISION.
IF THE MEA DECISION IS AFFIRMATIVE, THE NOTE WILL ULTIMATELY
REACH EYO THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. EYO WILL THEN
BE ABLE TO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH KAN REGARDING DETAILS,
SUCH AS INSURANCE, PACKING AND TRANSPORTATION, ESCORT, ETC.

4. COMMENT: POST STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF SUCH AN
EXHIBITION AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE IF
IT RECEIVED NIGERIAN APPROVAL.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM CONGRESSMAN DIGGS OF THE
FOREGOING.

6. AF/W PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO AMBASSADOR EASUM.
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